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SUBJECT: 105MM TANK AMMUNITION FOR MOROCCO

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1. (C) AT A MEETING JAN 18 WHICH WAS DEVOTED MAINLY TO OTHER MATTERS, COL MOHAMED ACHAHBAR, SECGEN OF THE ADMIN OF NATL DEF, RAISED WITH THE AMBASSADOR THE QUESTION OF THE 105MM TANK AMMUNITION REMAINING TO BE DELIVERED IN SUPPORT OF THE 54 M48A5 TANKS WHICH ARRIVED IN SEP 1977 (REFTEL A), EXPRESSING HIS DEEP CONCERN OVER OUR CONTINUED INABILITY TO LIVE UP TO THE CONTRACT. AFTER WE REPEATED ONCE AGAIN THE EXPLANATION OUTLINED IN REFTEL B, ACHAHBAR, WHO HAS BEEN TOTALLY FRUSTRATED IN THE FACE OF INCREASED GRUMBLING BY TANK UNIT COMMANDERS IN THE FIELD, SAID SIMPLY THAT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO SOMEHING TO MEET THIS URGENT DEFENSE REQUIREMENT.

2. (U) CHIEF, MUSLO RAISED THE SUBJECT OF EUROPEAN SOURCES FOR 105MM TANK AMMUNITION (ADDRESSEES OF COMPANIES IN U.K. CONFIDENTIAL

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AND BELGIUM WHICH MANUFACTURE 105 TANK AMMO HAD BEEN PROVIDED EARLIER TO GOM). COL ACHAHBAR'S ONLY RESPONSE WAS THAT ONCE FUNDS HAVE BEEN COMMITTED, IT IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE FOR THE PAYMENT OF UNFORESEEN REQUIREMENTS.

3. (C) IN VIEW OF FOREGOING REQUEST EARLY RESPONSE TO REFTEL A HOPEFULLY LOOKING TOWARD DELIVERY OF HEP ROUNDS IN FALL

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